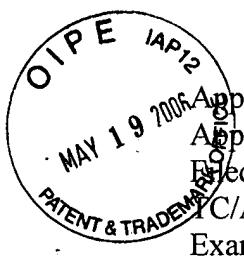


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 11, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are not included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are not included in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.